



EQUESTRIAN SPORTS NEW ZEALAND

EQUESTRIAN SPORTS NZ ADVICE DURING COVID-19 ALERT LEVEL 2

IMPORTANT TO NOTE

Please note that Equestrian Sports New Zealand (ESNZ) is not an expert on pandemics and as such all [New Zealand Government](#) and [Ministry of Health](#) information, guidelines and directives supersede this information. This document has been put together by Equestrian Sports NZ, with the purpose of informing our equestrian community how we are responding to Covid-19, and to provide recommendations for what we believe is the best course of action for all equestrian area groups/clubs, facilities, officials and members.

This document will be updated frequently, and we will make sure the most up to date version is on the website. We will monitor the government Alert Levels as we move back down through alert levels 2 and 1, and if there is more flexibility for activities such as equestrian, we will be sure to update these recommendations in line with government advice. **The next review is scheduled to take place on the 25th May 2020.**

IS YOUR AREA GROUP/CLUB OR ORGANISING COMMITTEE PLANNING ON HOLDING AN EVENT PRIOR TO 25TH MAY 2020?

If your Area Group/Club or Organising Committee wishes to hold an event, this includes training or practice days, prior to the 25th May 2020 and believes it can meet all of the Level 2 requirements, such as:

- **Gatherings** – must be restricted to a maximum of 10 people initially (both indoor and outdoor facilities), however, more than one group of 10 can be at a facility as long as the entire number at one time is not more than 100. This will be reviewed on 25th May. For sport and recreation, a gathering includes spectators, players, officials and support staff.
- **Contact Tracing** – Good contact tracing is possible.
- **Cleaning and Hygiene** – Hygiene measures, particularly washing and drying of hands, and regular sanitising of equipment and surfaces are in place.

If you can meet these requirements then please contact with your Discipline Sport Manager. Your Sport Manager will run through a checklist with you to ensure you meet level 2 requirements and can also assist you with any questions you have and help provide templates, resources and signs to get your underway. Sport Manager contacts can be found on the ESNZ website: <https://www.nzequestrian.org.nz/esnz/about-esnz/our-people/esnz-team/>

While Equestrian competitions/rides are allowed to take place if conditions on gatherings are met, due to the current restrictions until the 25th May the key message for those wishing to hold events is to:

- Keep it simple and fun
- Stick to training/practice days
- Offer low level competition/rides and activities

LEVEL TWO PLANNING

Should your area group/club or organizing committee be willing and able to allow training or competition, it may consider some of the following measures so social distancing is practiced.

- Contact tracing will be imperative so you will need a system to log all those at the premises at any time. We are checking out apps and templates for this and will have more information soon.
- Offering staggered training or start times.
- All competitors must enter and pay online.
- Consider not allowing changes to entries on the day – any changes must be done online the day before at a certain time. No exceptions to the rule.
- Online booking system for training and use of grounds/facility.
- Spacing out stabling.
- Spacing out parking for horse trucks/floats.
- Posting or emailing out rider packs, back numbers to avoid queue in the secretary office.
- All events will need to be draw order only.

ESNZ is also working with the FEI on how we might manage officials requirements in Level 2.

The following information may assist with determining what equestrian activity may be possible under Alert Level two, but Equestrian Sports NZ reiterate it is up to individual area groups/clubs to make decisions, based upon their own circumstances and applicable Government directives.

OTHER USEFUL LINKS AND RESOURCES

- [Government Alert System](#)
- [MPI Alert System and information for animal welfare](#)
- [Sport New Zealand Alert System](#)
- [High Performance Sport NZ Alert System](#)
- [ESNZ Covid19 Updates](#)
- [Covid19 posters and social media images](#)
- Online Entry Providers
 - [Equestrian Entries](#)
 - [Main-Events](#)
- [List of Hand Sanitiser Suppliers](#)

All of these links can also be found on the ESNZ website under our Covid19 updates page.



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WILL BE REVIEWED ON 25th MAY 2020

Alert Level 2	Range of Government Measures <i>(can be applied locally or nationally)</i>	Equestrian Sports NZ Measures Undertaken	Equestrian Sports NZ Recommendations for Area Groups/Clubs	Equestrian Sports NZ Recommendations for National Equestrian Centres <i>(Christchurch & Taupo)</i>	Equestrian Sports NZ Recommendations for ESNZ Members and Equestrian Community
<p>Reduce</p> <p>The disease is contained, but the risk of community transmission remains.</p> <p>Risk Assessment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Household transmission could be occurring. Single or isolated cluster outbreaks. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> People can reconnect with friends and family, go shopping, or travel domestically, but should follow public health guidance. Physical distancing of two metres from people you don't know when out in public is recommended, with one metre physical distancing in controlled environments like workplaces, unless other measures are in place. No more than 10 people at gatherings (to be reviewed 25 May), except funerals and tangihanga, which can have a maximum of 50 people if registered with Ministry of Health. Sport and recreation activities are allowed, subject to conditions on gatherings and contact tracing requirements, and – where practical – physical distancing. Public venues (museums, libraries, etc.) can open but must comply with public health measures. Gatherings rules do not apply to public venues as long as people are not intermingling Health and disability care services operate as normally as possible. Most businesses can open to the public, but must follow public health guidance including in relation to physical distancing and contact tracing. Alternative ways of working encouraged where possible (e.g. remote working, shift-based working, physical distancing, staggering meal breaks, flexible leave). It is safe to send your children to schools, early learning services and tertiary education. There will be appropriate measures in place. People at higher-risk of severe illness from COVID-19 (e.g. those with underlying medical conditions, especially if not well-controlled, and seniors) are encouraged to take additional precautions when leaving home. They may work, if they agree with their employer that they can do so safely. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The ESNZ office is open with appropriate measures in place for Staff. The office will remain closed to any third-party visitors. All ESNZ High Performance, Performance or Squad trainings are risk assessed to determine if they will proceed with appropriate measures of safety maintained. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Restricted to a maximum of 10 people per group (both indoor and outdoor facilities). However, more than one group of 10 can be at a facility as long as the entire number at one time is not more than 100. This includes support staff, squad riders, and coaches. Physical distancing and contact tracing requirements are met. Equestrian competitions/rides are allowed to take place if conditions on gatherings are met. The key message until the 25th May is: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keep it simple and fun Training/practice days Low level competition/rides Must have a register of who was there and maintain physical distancing where possible. Meetings, workshops or events are allowed to take place but restricted to a maximum of 10 people in a group. However, more than one group of 10 can be at a facility as long as the entire number at one time is not more than 100. Physical distancing and contact tracing requirements must be met. Limited domestic travel or staying in hotels (outside of local area) for ESNZ staff and athletes. No international travel for ESNZ Staff and athletes. Officials at high risk of severe illness (older officials and those with existing medical conditions) are encouraged to stay at home where possible. They may choose to officiate. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Area groups/clubs allowed to offer training/practice and low-level competitions/rides only. Gatherings must be restricted to a maximum of 10 people per group initially (both indoor and outdoor facilities), However, more than one group of 10 can be at a facility as long as the entire number at one time is not more than 100. This will be reviewed on 25th May. For sport and recreation, a gathering includes spectators, players, officials and support staff. Record the contact information and time of all people accessing the facility or grounds. Surfaces and equipment must be regularly cleaned and disinfected where practicable. Good personal hygiene practices should continue – wash and dry your hands before and after activities, cough into elbow and don't touch your face. Ensure your facility has extensive signage and information regarding precautions for managing COVID-19. Ensure your facility has an up to date cleaning schedule and adequate provisions to facilitate good hygiene practices. (Especially changing/bathrooms, stable facilities). Physical distancing of 2 metres should be maintained wherever possible, especially from people that you don't know. Officials/Volunteers at high risk of severe illness from COVID-19 (particularly older people and those with existing medical conditions) should take additional precautions when undertaking physical activity. Do not put undue stress on Officials/Volunteers to assist with your competition/ride if they don't feel comfortable. They may choose to officiate. Ensure that Staff/Officials/Volunteers have access to PPE (hand sanitizer, gloves, mask). Ensure that Staff, Officials and Volunteers are properly briefed on all information regarding precautions for managing COVID-19. Overnight camping is allowed for Equestrian Competitions/rides as long conditions on gatherings, contact tracing requirements and physical distancing are met. Food vendors allowed if physical distancing and contact tracing requirements can be met. Area Group/Club/OC meetings are allowed to take place but restricted to a maximum of 10 people. However, more than one group of 10 can be at a facility as long as the entire number at one time is not more than 100. Physical distancing and contact tracing requirements are met. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The National Equestrian Centres are open with appropriate measures in place for visiting customers. Gatherings must be restricted to a maximum of 10 people initially (both indoor and outdoor facilities), However, more than one group of 10 can be at a facility as long as the entire number at one time is not more than 100. This will be reviewed on 25th May. For sport and recreation, a gathering includes spectators, players, officials and support staff. Record the contact information and time of all people accessing the facility or grounds. National Equestrian Centres open for training/practice and low-level competitions/rides only. Overnight camping is allowed for Equestrian Competitions/rides as long conditions on gatherings, contact tracing requirements and physical distancing are met. Officials at high risk of severe illness (older officials and those with existing medical conditions) are encouraged to stay at home where possible. They may choose to officiate. Ensure that Staff/Officials/Volunteers have access to PPE (hand sanitizer, gloves, mask). Ensure NEC has extensive signage and information regarding precautions for managing COVID-19. Ensure NEC has an up to date cleaning schedule and adequate provisions to facilitate good hygiene practices. (Especially changing/bathrooms, stable facilities). New POP campers will be allowed to stay onsite under level 2 restrictions as long as restricted to a maximum of 10 people. However, more than one group of 10 can be at a facility as long as the entire number at one time is not more than 100. Physical distancing and contact tracing requirements must be met. Food vendors allowed if physical distancing and contact tracing requirements can be met. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participating in equestrian sport activities is allowed, if conditions on gatherings are met, physical distancing is followed and you follow good personal health measures while travelling. If you are unwell or have COVID-19 symptoms you must stay home and be tested for Covid 19. All Riding Schools and Equestrian Centres are open with appropriate measures in place. Indoor and outdoor facilities will need to restrict entry (10 people per gathering). For smaller riding schools and Equestrian Centres a lower maximum number may be necessary to maintain physical distancing. If your horse is grazing outside of your property, remember to maintain good personal hygiene practices such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wash hands before and after. Physical distancing of 2 metres should be maintained wherever possible, especially from people that you don't know. Use own grooming kit, tack and equipment. Set up/maintain a roster or facebook group for grazing. Comply with all rules set out by the landowner. Veterinary clinics can operate, as long as public health measures are followed, however, do not take your animal to a veterinary clinic until you have contacted your veterinarian. Farriers can operate, as long as public health measures are followed. Horse-riding lessons can take place as long as public health measures are followed. Any group lessons are restricted to a maximum of 10 people initially (both indoor and outdoor facilities), this will be reviewed on 25th May. Coaches and trainers will need a Covid worksafe plan to be able to operate under Level 2. Horse care services/professionals (including clippers, saddle fitters, dentistry, chiropractors etc) - can operate, as long as public health measures are followed.